

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 43-49 are now pending in this application. Claims 47-49 have been added. Applicants believe that no new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment. Entry of this Amendment before examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Petition for Extension of Time are submitted concurrently herewith.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4396US1.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4396US1.

Respectfully submitted,
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